GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1066
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High Speed Rail Routes
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether France has offered its assistance to construct high-speed rail-routes between Delhi-Ambala and Chandigarh so as to run trains at a speed of 200 km/h;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the average speed of trains running between Delhi-Ambala and Chandigarh-Kalka route at present;

(d) whether any technical expert team from France is likely to visit India to inspect rail routes between Delhi-Ambala-Chandigarh and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated cost of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): An agreement has been signed between Indian Railways and French Railways in December, 2015 for an execution study for upgrading the speeds of passenger trains on Delhi-Chandigarh section to 200 kmph on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis.

(c): The average speed of various types of passenger trains between Delhi-Ambala is as below-

â€¢ Shatabdi Express − 71 kmph
â€¢ Superfast Express − 58 kmph
â€¢ Other Express Trains − 48 kmph

The average speed of trains between Chandigarh − Kalka is about 47 kmph.

(d): A team of technical experts of French Railway (SNCF) have inspected Delhi-Ambala-Chandigarh section of Indian Railways from 19th January to 22nd January, 2016.

(e): The estimated cost of the execution study is ? 19,69,02,721/- without taxes.

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